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PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF )  
AN OXIDIC CATALYST COMPOSITION )  
COMPRISING A DIVALENT AND A )  
TRIVALENT METAL )

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Sir:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of Claims, which begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 4 of this Response.

Authorization of payment of the requisite fees is attached.